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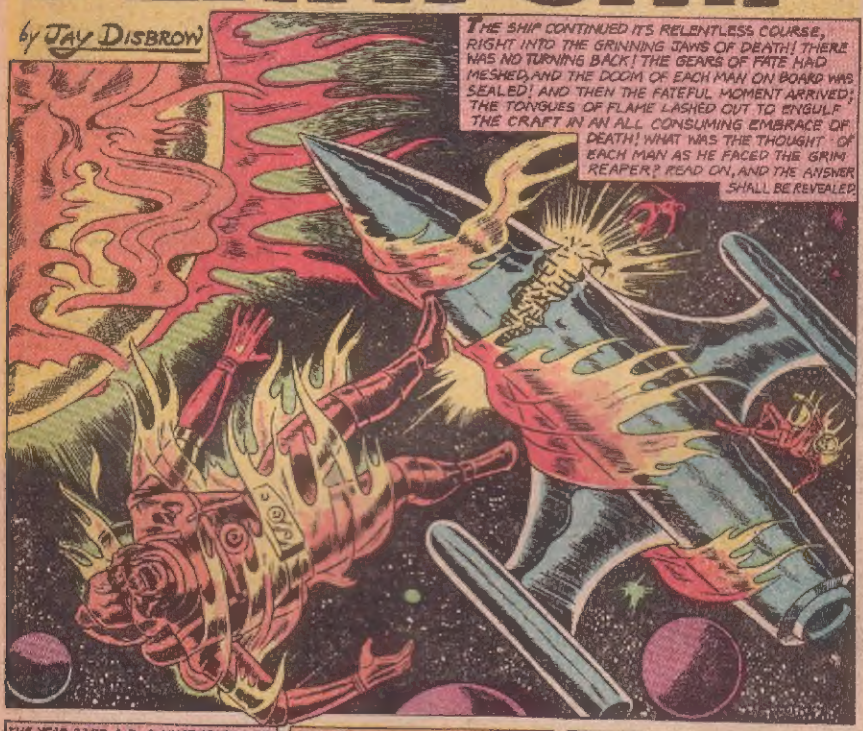

AS THE SHIP DRONED ON, COMMANDER WOODRUFF RECALLED IN RETROSPECT THAT FATEFUL NIGHT THAT SEEMED SO LONG AGO, WHEN HE BADE FAREWELL TO HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE, WENDRA.
BEN, YOU'RE WEARING YOUR SPACE GEAR! THAT MEANS YOU'RE SHIPPING OUT!--- OH DARLING, HOW CAN YOU DO IT? HOW CAN YOU LEAVE ME AT A TIME LIKE THIS? THE BABY WILL ARRIVE IN A FEW MORE WEEKS! OH, BEN, I NEED YOU SO, DON'T LEAVE AGAIN, PLEASE, DARLING!
I'M SORRY, WENDRA, I-I'VE GOT TO GO! THEY NEED MY EXPERIENCE ON THIS FLIGHT.
BUT I NEED YOU, BEN, AND SO WILL THE CHILD! OH DARLING, EVER SINCE I KNEW YOU, YOU'VE BEEN DISCONTENTED, AND RESTLESS! WHY DO YOU CONTINUALLY GO BACK INTO DEEP SPACE? WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN SEARCHING FOR ALL THESE YEARS?
I DON'T KNOW, WENDRA, PERHAPS I'M LOOKING FOR PEACE OF MIND; A PLACE WHERE A MAN'S SOUL CAN FIND TRANQUILITY! IT'S SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, AMONG THE STARS!
IT'S A WILL-O-THE-WISP, BEN! IT DOESN'T EXIST! AREN'T YOU SATISFIED WITH ME AND THE CHILD THAT WILL SOON BE OURS? MUST YOU FOREVER GO ON SEARCHING FOR A MYTHICAL PLANET OF PARADISE?
WENDRA, I LOVE YOU MORE THAN LIFE ITSELF, BUT THIS IS BIGGER THAN BOTH OF US! I'VE GOT TO GO BACK, DARLING, AND WHEN I DO FIND IT, I'LL RETURN FOR YOU, AND THE CHILD! THEN OUR LIVES WILL BE FILLED WITH HAPPINESS!
HE DID EMBARK UPON HIS MISSION THAT DAY, TO ONE OF THOSE REMOTE ALLURING STARS. BUT THE RESULT OF THAT FLIGHT WAS NEARLY CATASTROPHIC.
ALIEN SPACE SHIPS APPROACHING, COMMANDER WOODRUFF!
MAN YOUR BATTLE STATIONS! PREPARE TO OPEN FIRE!
COMMANDER WOODRUFF HIMSELF DONNED A SPACE SUIT AND WENT OUT TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE. WHEN THE TASK HAD BEEN COMPLETED, HE PREPARED TO RETURN TO THE INTERIOR, BUT WAS SUDDENLY ATTACKED BY A HORDE OF ALIEN SPACE MEN.
DURING THE ENSUING BATTLE, ONE OF THE REAR ROCKETS OF THE FLAG SHIP WAS BLASTED OUT BY ENEMY FIRE.
COMMANDER WOODRUFF CALLING FOR AID!
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SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU, COMMANDER, BUT WE'RE ENTERING ORION'S ORBIT, AND THE SHIP IS APPROACHING A METEOR SHOWER!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU MEN NOT TO DISTURB ME WHEN I'M CONCENTRATING! WHY DIDN'T YOU PUT OUT THE FORCE SCREENS?
BUT SIR, I DID THROW OPEN THE FORCE SCREENS! BUT THEY DID NO GOOD! THOSE ROCKS ARE STILL DENTING OUR HULL!
YOU SHOULD HAVE USED THIS AUXILIARY LEVER, IT'LL GIVE IT MORE POWER!—I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ASSIGNED YOU TO THIS JOB, MISTER, YOU'RE NOT READY FOR SPACE FLIGHT!
"NOT READY FOR SPACE FLIGHT!" THE NERVE OF THAT GUY! I HAD THE HIGHEST SCHOLASTIC AND ACADEMIC RATING IN MY CLASS!—THAT CHEAP FOUR-EYED FAKER! IF HE EVER CAME UP AGAINST A REALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION, I BET HE'D TURN CHICKEN!
WHY YOU—
LISTEN, YOU CRUMB, IF YOU WEREN'T A NEW RECRUIT, I'D PIN YOUR EARS BACK FOR MAKING A REMARK LIKE THAT! INSTEAD, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU A FEW THINGS ABOUT BEN WOODRUFF THAT MAY MAKE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT HIM!
OKAY, SO TELL ME!
"FIVE YEARS AGO, COMMANDER WOODRUFF HEADED UP AN EXPEDITION TO ARCTURUS. I WAS A NEW RECRUIT MYSELF AT THE TIME. IT WAS MY FIRST TRIP IN SPACE, AND I MADE ALL THE MISTAKES IN THE BOOK, BUT MY WORST MISTAKE WAS TO WANDER OFF ON A LITTLE SIGHT-SEEING TOUR OF MY OWN. I WAS ATTACKED BY ONE OF THE MOST HORRIBLE CREATURES IMAGINABLE. THREE MEN DIED ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE ME, BUT BEN WOODRUFF DIDN'T GIVE UP. HE HACKED AT THE THING WITH HIS SPACE-AX, UNTIL IT DIED"
"ANOTHER TIME, ON GANIMEDE, WE WERE CAPTURED BY A GROUP OF HOMO SAPIENS. WE WERE FORCED TO CHOOSE A MEMBER OF OUR CREW TO FIGHT A DEFORMED GIANT. THE COMMANDER INSISTED ON FACING THE MAN ALONE! HE WOULDN'T LET ANY OF US RISK OUR LIVES. HE DEFEATED THE GIANT TOO!"

OKAY, OKAY, SO HE ISN'T A COWARD! BUT WHY DOES HE KEEP RIDING US? WHY DOESN'T HE ACT HUMAN FOR A CHANGE!
YOU DUMB JERK, CAN'T YOU SEE HE'S EATING HIS HEART OUT FOR HIS WIFE AND KID? HE HAS TO PUT ON A HARD FRONT, OR HE'LL CRACK UP!
YES, HE WAS THINKING OF HIS WIFE AND CHILD; HE WAS THINKING OF THAT EVENTFUL DAY, THREE YEARS AGO WHEN HE RETURNED HOME FROM A LONG VOYAGE, AND WAS WELCOMED BY WENDRA...
BEN!
AS HE CREW HER IN HIS ARMS AND KISSED HER, HE REALIZED IN AN INSTANT HOW LONELY HE HAD BEEN DURING THOSE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS MONTHS IN SPACE! HE PROMISED HIMSELF THEN AND THERE, HE WOULD NEVER GO BACK!
HE RECALLED THE FIRST TIME HE SAW HIS SON, AH, HE WAS A SPLENDID LITTLE FELLOW WITH CURLY HAIR, AND SPARKLING EYES! HOW PROUD HE WAS OF THAT SMALL BUNDLE OF JOY!
ARE YOU DADDY?
YES, MY SON, I'M YOUR DADDY, AND I'M HOME TO STAY!
FOR ONE YEAR, HE WAS HAPPY AND CONTENTED WITH HIS FAMILY. HE HAD ALL THAT AN ORDINARY MAN COULD DESIRE.....
BUT THEN, BEN WOODRUFF, WAS NO ORDINARY MAN....
BEN, IT'S HAPPENED AGAIN, HASN'T IT? YOU'VE GOT THE WANDERLUST ONCE MORE! I SAW IT SLOWLY COMING ON FOR THE LAST MONTH!
WENDRA...I-I-IT ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN EXPLAIN, BUT I'VE GOT TO GO BACK JUST ONCE MORE!
OH, BEN, PLEASE DON'T GO!....I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF LOOSING YOU AGAIN! I BEG YOU, I IMPLORE YOU, DON'T LEAVE US, DARLING!
PLEASE, WENDRA, DON'T MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ME! IT WON'T BE FOR LONG, AND THIS TIME I'M SURE I'LL FIND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR; WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR!
MISFORTUNE CONTINUALLY DOGGED THE PATH OF COMMANDER WOODRUFF, AND THAT DAY THAT HE DEPARTED WAS NO EXCEPTION. HIS SHIP WAS ATTACKED BY A TITANIC ENTITY FROM A DARK AND DISTANT WORLD.
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BY SWIFT ACTION, THE CREW HAD MANAGED TO ESCAPE DISASTER THAT DAY. UNDER COMMANDER WOODRUFF'S DIRECTION, THE TERRIBLE CREATURE WAS BLASTED TO COSMIC DUST.
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COMMANDER, OUR VIEWS OF "STAR X" REVEAL A SUDDEN INTENSITY OF COMBUSTION! IT IS TURNING INTO A NOVA! IT'S GONNA BLOW ANY TIME, AND WE'RE RIGHT IN ITS PATH!
WHAT? ------ WE'VE GOT TO REVERSE ROCKETS IMMEDIATELY!
ATTENTION ALL CREWMEN! NOW HEAR THIS! NOW HEAR THIS! EVERY MAN AT HIS STATION AT ONCE! DECELERATE THE SHIP AND OPEN UP ALL RETARDING ROCKETS! WE'LL NEED ALL THE FIRE-POWER WE CAN MUSTER TO OUTRACE THIS HOT GLOBE!
THE COMMANDER'S ORDERS WERE QUICKLY CARRIED OUT, BUT TO NO AVAIL----
SIR, THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF THE STAR HAS INCREASED A HUNDRED FOLD! THE RETARDING ROCKETS HAVE NO EFFECT!
THROW IN MORE POWER! WE'VE GOT TO REVERSE OUR POSITION!
IN SPITE OF THE HERCULEAN EFFORTS OF THE CREW TO TURN THE SHIP ABOUT, THE MIGHTY VESSEL CONTINUED ITS RELENTLESS COURSE, RIGHT TOWARD THE MAW OF THE SUPER NOVA--
THE STAR IS EXPANDING IN SIZE! THIS HEAT IS UNBEARABLE!
DON'T LOOSE YOUR HEADS! EACH MAN DON HIS SPACE SUIT! WE'LL HAVE TO ABANDON SHIP!
THE GASES ARE BEGINNING TO STREAK OUT!
THE MEN WERE QUICK TO OBEY BEN'S ORDER, BUT AN INSTANT LATER, THE UTTER FUTILITY OF THE EFFORT BECAME APPARENT---
THE FLAMES ARE COMING TOWARD US! THEY'LL SWALLOW THE SHIP! WE CAN'T ESCAPE!
WE'LL ALL DIE LIKE RATS!
I CAN'T STAND IT! I WANT TO LIVE! I WANT TO LIVE!
PANIC GRIPPED THE SOUL OF EVERY MAN ON BOARD THAT ILL-FATED SHIP AS A HUGE TONGUE OF FLAME REACHED OUT TO ENGULF THE CRAFT IN AN INCANDESCENT EMBRACE OF DEATH----
BUT, AN INSTANT BEFORE CONTACT--
WENDRA! WENDRA! FORGIVE ME! FORGIVE ME FOR THE PAIN AND ANGUISH I'VE CAUSED YOU! YOU WERE RIGHT, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW! I DIDN'T KNOW!
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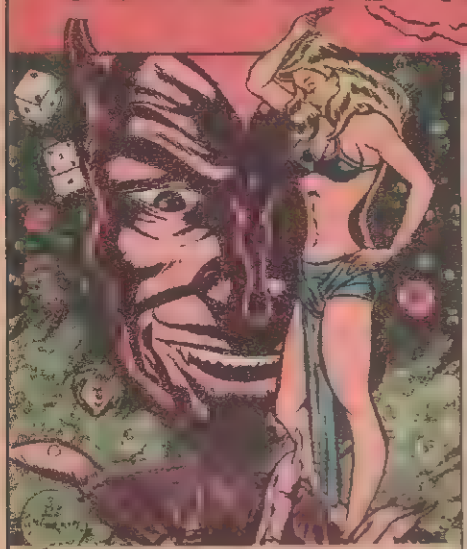
AND THEN THE TERRIBLE, ALL-CONSUMING ENVELOPE OF DEATH STRUCK! THE RIGID STEEL STRUCTURE COLLAPSED LIKE MATCH WOOD, AND CONDENSED INTO A WHITE-HOT STEAM. THE MAGAZINES EXPLODED WITH INTENSE CONCUSSIONS, AND THE CREW MEN OF THE DEATH SHIP WERE FLUNG OUT AMONG THE COSMOS.
NOT A SINGLE MEMBER OF THE CREW ESCAPED DEATH FROM THAT AWFUL HOLOCAUST.
AND, AT THAT MOMENT, BACK ON EARTH, WENDRA AWOKE FROM SLUMBER, SHOUTING HYSTERICALLY.
BEN! BEN! OH BEN, WHERE ARE YOU?
HE'S DEAD! I KNOW HE'S DEAD!--- AT LAST THE THING I'VE DREADED ALL THIS TIME HAS HAPPENED!---OH BEN, HOW CAN I GO ON WITHOUT YOU?
MOMMIE! MOMMIE! I HEARD YOU CALL DADDY'S NAME! IS HE HOME? IS DADDY HERE WITH US?
HE'S NOT HOME, DARLING, BUT HE IS WITH US, IN SPIRIT! HE--HE'LL ALWAYS BE WITH US (SOB) FROM NOW ON!
THE NIGHT WORE ON, AND IN MILLIONS OF HOMES ON EARTH, PEOPLE SLEPT ON, UNDISTURBED; BUT OUT THERE, AMONG THE VISTAS OF IMMENSITY, A STAR GLOWS BRIGHTLY, AND THEN SLOWLY DIMINISHES TO ITS PREVIOUS SIZE. NOT A PARTICLE OF THE DEATH SHIP REMAINS!---- BUT WHAT OF BEN WOODRUFF? DID HE AT LAST FIND THE PEACE HE HAD BEEN SEEKING? DID THIS SWEET FRUITION OF HIS DESIRES AT LAST COME TRUE? THERE WAS NONE WHO COULD TELL.
THE END

# DEATH AND THE DEVIL...



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IN THE SUBURBAN HOME OF THE WELL-TO-DO McRAE'S, MR. McRAE ENTERS HIS HOUSE...

I WAITED UP FOR YOU, DARLING! I WORRIED WHEN YOU DIDN'T PICK ME UP AT THE CLUB. FARREL FIRED ME, HE SAID I WAS GETTING TOO NERVOUS TO CONTINUE DANCING!

YOU ANNOY ME, SHIRLEY!! YOU KNOW WE'RE ALMOST BANKRUPT SINCE I STARTED TRYING MY LUCK AT DICE! AND NOW YOU LOSE YOUR JOB!

YOU NEUROTIC FOOL!! I DON'T KNOW WHY I MARRIED YOU! I SHOULD HAVE MARRIED "FLUFF" WHITCOMB, I WOULD BE RICH NOW!!

PLEASE, CARL, I'M NOT WELL.. I TOOK SOME OF MY PILLS, I'M GOING TO BED!!

PLEASE, CARL, I'M NOT WELL.. NOT WELL.. NOT WELL.. SOMETIMES I COULD..

YOU FOOL!! I DON'T LOVE YOU! I DON'T..

I WANT YOUR HUSBAND, SHIRLEY!

YOU'RE FIRED!!

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CARL, CARL!!! HE'S DEAD! WHAT HAVE I DONE? HOW DID I GET OUT OF BED AND INTO THE BATHROOM?

INSPECTOR ROC ARRIVES AND QUESTIONS THE SUSPECTS...

MR. FARREL, AND MISS WHITCOMB, YOUR STORIES CHECK, BUT THERE IS DOUBT IN MY MIND... MRS. McRAE'S DOCTOR TOLD ME SHE WALKED IN HER SLEEP!

DO YOU HAVE THE SOLUTION? IF NOT, TURN THIS BOOK UPSIDE DOWN!

INSPECTOR, YOU'RE A HARD MAN TO BEAT!!

McRAE COMMITTED SUICIDE! HE WAS THREATENED BY A LARGE GAMBLING SYNDICATE WHOM HE OWED MONEY! HE TRIED TO THROW SUSPICION ON MRS. McRAE BY CARRYING HER INTO THE BATHROOM... HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT BEING SHE WAS DRUGGED, SHE COULDN'T WALK IN HER SLEEP, THAT REQUIRES A CLEAR MIND!! IN YOUR TROUBLES ARE OVER, MRS. McRAE!

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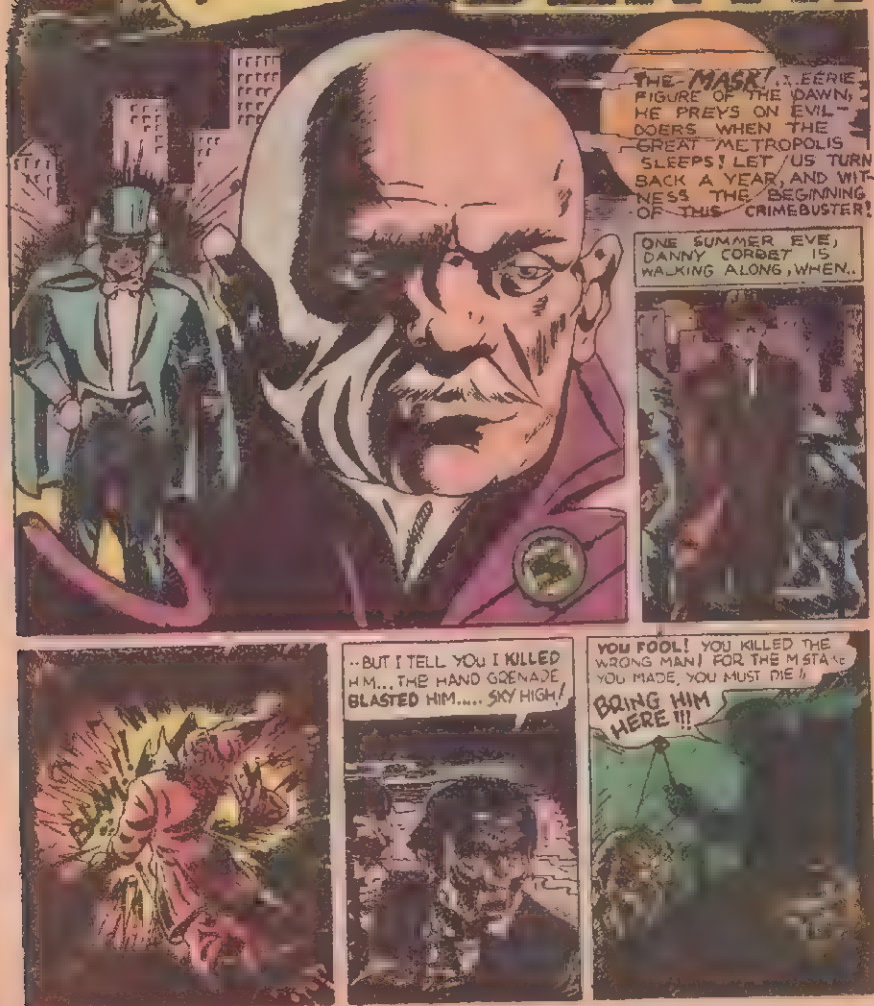
# The Face of DEATH



THEN... AT THE COMMAND FROM THE LEADER, THE DOOMED DEVIL' MEMBER IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE 'FAT-MAN,' STILL STRUGGLING TO BREAK FREE BUT IN VAIN....
HA! HA!
WAIT!! I HAVE INDEED A MUCH BETTER WAY OUT FOR THOSE WHO FAIL TO CARRY OUT MY ORDERS RIGHT! GENTLEMEN BEHIND THESE GREAT DOORS IS A TERRIBLE, DEADLY HALF-MAN—HALF BEAST!!
JONGO - THE DOOR PLEASE!
STAND BACK AND BE READY WITH YOUR GUN....HE IS MOST DANGEROUS WHEN MAD! NOW, OPEN THE DOOR!!!
SUDDENLY...THE HUGE DOOR BURST OPEN .. AND THERE STOOD A HORRIBLE LOOKING THING.... BENT AND TWISTED THING.... BENT AND TWISTED THE MONSTER WAS ON THE KILL!!
LAUGHING AND SCREAMING — THE GROTESQUE LIKE FIGURE RENDS THE DEVIL-LEADER SPRAWLING BEHIND SOME CURTAINS.... HORRIBLE FACE EXPRESSING AN AGES OF DEATH!!
HA!
WAIT
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TEN MINUTES LATER... THE MASK WAS ON THE TAIL OF THE GETAWAY 'PLANE... IT WAS A GRIM CHASE!!

THE MASK SQUEEZED THE TRIGGER, AND THE MACHINE GUNS MADE A DIRECT HIT! THE DEVILS' 'PLANE SHOT DOWN... DOWN, IN -- A CLOUD OF BLACK SMOKE!!

YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS! THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT... I'M GOING TO DO A BIT OF INVESTIGATING MYSELF... AND IF I EVER GET MY HANDS ON THE PARTY WHO ---
BE CAREFUL, BRUCE!
HALF AN HOUR LATER, A SLEEK, YELLOW CAR CAME TO A SUDDEN STOP IN FRONT OF DR. LARBINS VAST, PALATIAL MANSION....
SOME HOW I HAVE A STRANGE FEELING THAT SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN! OH WELL, PROTECT MY MASTER
DR. LARBINS WAS FOUND SITTING IN HIS CHAIR STABBED TO DEATH!
GOOD LORD!
FIRST, MY BROTHER AND NOW DR. LARBINS! THIS CALLS FOR QUICK ACTION!!
NOW, BRUCE CORBET HAD ONE THOUGHT IN HIS MIND... TO AVENGE HIS BROTHERS DEATH!! AFTER OBTAINING PROPER INFORMATION, HE SET OUT TO DESTROY "THE LIMPING DEVIL" AND HIS RUTHLESS KILLERS.... BUT AS....
FOR A MINUTE, BRUCE CORBET STOOD FROZEN IN THE ROOM IN STRANGE MEDITATION... DARK SHADOWS CASTING AROUND HIM... AND THEN HE DECIDED TO PLAY A CRIM, DUAL ROLE!!
MASK!!
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THE MASK SLAYER OF THE DEVILS
HELLO, RATS!!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS MOMENT MEANS TO ME, GENTLEMEN! YOU DEVIL MURDERERS KILLED MY BROTHER, DANNY CORBET, THINKING HE HAD THE SECRET FORMULA YOU WANTED! YOU'RE GOING TO DIE THE SAME WAY MY BROTHER DIED -- BY A GRENADE!!
WHO ARE YOU?
?
GET OUT! TAKE CARE OF HIM, MEN! QUICK!!
PUT 'EM UP, WISE GUY! I'M GONNA BLAST YOU SKY HIGH!!
YOW!!
NOT SO FAST SMALL FRY!
THE MASK LETS GO WITH DOZENS OF TERRIFIC LEFTS AND RIGHTS.... FIGHTING WITH ALL HIS MIGHT... THE DEVIL WAS OUT LIKE A COLD LIGHT!!
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THE MASK PICKS UP THE UGLY, GORILLA-LIKE GANGSTER AND SENDS HIM OFF TO DREAM-LAND!
SMACK!
NOW, LINE UP AGAINST THE WALL AND NO FUNNY BUSINESS OR THIS PINEAPPLE GOES OFF AT YOUR FEET! WHICH ONE OF YOU RATS HAS THE SECRET FORMULA?
NO! NO! DON'T KILL US- I DON'T WANNA DIE! HERE ARE THE PLANS!
SWEATING FEVERISHLY... THE DOOMED 'DEVILS' LOOK ON WITH PANIC STRICKEN FACES... THE GUILTY THREESOME WERE TRAPPED LIKE RATS, BY THE MAN OF JUSTICE!!
THEN.. A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION! THE MASK WATCHES ON AND SECONDS LATER, THE ROOM WAS FILLED WITH A STRANGE SILENCE!
KLAM!!
CLEVERLY... THE LIMPING 'DEVIL' MANAGES TO ESCAPE THROUGH A SECRET TRAP DOOR AFTER ESCAPING DEATH ITSELF, AND GETS INTO A WAITING PLANE...
HE'S ALL SET, SIR!
HURRY!!
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NOW TO MAKE A REPORT TO THE POLICE!
SAY JIM - THAT MASK FELLOW DID ANOTHER JOB FOR OUR FORCE!
WE SURE CAN USE MEN LIKE HIM ON OUR SIDE PA-!
A NIGHT CLUB IN NEW YORK CITY - A BEAUTIFUL GIRL SINGS -
BRUCE CORBET!! HOW ARE YOU?! HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN WEEKS! WELCOME TO MY LITTLE CLUB - SAY, BRUCE, I'VE JUST HIRED A NEW SINGER - SHE'S GOT CLASS! I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO HER... HERE SHE COMES!!
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, POMPERNICKLE
NEW SINGER EH?
SHALL WE DANCE, BRUCE? I'VE MISSED YOU, DEAR!
YES, MY CHARMING WIFE, SAID THE SPIDER TO THE FLY!
THE END
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# EVIDENCE OF MURDER

MARK GREEN rubbed his hands together in joyful anticipation. He could hardly wait to prove to himself that he had at last achieved his life-long ambition. For twenty years now he had been writing mystery stories, had deluded the public into thinking that there was no such thing as a perfect murder . . . no conceivable crime that could long withstand the sleuthing ability of his fictional creation, Doctor Ecks. But now he had it . . . had worked it out painstakingly, step by step! Mark Green was at last within reach of that most nebulous of all achievements . . . the perfect murder!

What had delayed him so long was the feeling that even though he might be able to achieve that horrendous goal . . . to whom could he whisper of his achievement, without at once endangering himself and his plan? And once unveiled as a murderer . . . what happened to the perfection of the crime? What he must achieve was a murder which he might freely proclaim as his own . . . and yet remain completely free of the tentacles of the law! Was such a deed possible? After long hours spent in the seclusion of his library, Mark Green began to doubt that a really perfect murder had ever been committed . . . until he finally dreamed up his most splendid case!

Because of the plan which he now had at his finger-tips, he would not only be able to murder Fred Slade, his neighbor and life-long enemy . . . but after a certain period of time could even go to the police and confess his deed! Could describe it in great detail . . . even lead the authorities to the body . . . and still remain aloof and untouched by the law!

It was an easy enough task to lure Slade into his spacious gardens . . . to lead him over to the quiet seclusion of the greenhouses, far from the stare of any eyes that might have followed the two men in their leisurely stroll. While describing the incomparable beauty of one of his many sweet-pea patches, it was a ridiculously simple task for Green to reach behind one of the concrete flower holders and find at his finger-tips the hatchet which he had placed there only an hour before. And to make it even more perfect, he took great care to call Slade by name, so that the hapless victim would turn around at the last moment . . . in time to see the hatchet descending toward him in a fatal arc! In time to realize that Green was about to murder him in cold blood!

The hatchet smashed into Slade's head with a sickening thud . . . in less than a second, before Green could pull the lethal weapon away, he found himself virtually bathed in blood from head to foot. He placed the hatchet on the ground, near the concrete flower holder, and picked up Slade's body in his arms, carrying it into the greenhouse directly behind him. He stripped the clothing from his dead neighbor, and made a ball of the soaking cloth. Then he started a fire in the stove at one end of the greenhouse. When it was roaring, he prepared the body for cremation by first slashing off the head, and severing the arms and legs. All but the head he thrust into the grisly fire, and with perspiration streaming down his deranged face, he watched the flames engulf the headless body of his enemy and victim. In less time than he had expected the body was reduced to flaky ashes. He let the fire die down and pulled the remains from the stove. It almost fell apart at his touch, but he succeeded in dragging it to the floor. Then with a mallet he pounded the bones until they were nothing but a fine powder. He scooped up the powder and dumped it into the concrete flower holder which he had selected as Slade's final resting place. The ashes he covered

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over with a heavy blanket of dirt. Then he picked up the bloody head and held it in his hand for a moment, a leer on his own face as he snickered at the gruesome object. His perfect crime was almost a reality. All he had to do was dispose of the body now . . . utilizing the technique he had visualized . . . and then he could wait for the police to trace Slade's movements as best they could! And when they had finally followed the dead man's movements as far as Mark Green's house, he would toy with them at first! And then, in his moment of victory he would obligingly confess to the murder, challenging the police to prove that a murder *had* been committed, or that a corpse existed for identification purposes!

He scooped out several handsful of dirt from the concrete flower holder, and placed the head deep into the dirt, throwing sand across the top and smoothing it off as if he had just planted sweet-peas in the deadly flower holder! Then he strode over to the side of the greenhouse where he kept two barrels, one of slaked lime and the other of deadly quicklime. With a final nod in the direction of the flower holder he dipped his gloved hand deep into one of the barrels and brought out a heaping handful of lime. This he sprinkled liberally over the top of the concrete rectangle in which he had buried the last remains of Fred Slade. Now it was done, there was nothing more to do, but let that powerful quicklime eat away the last remnants of Fred Slade! Which it would certainly do in a matter of weeks, perhaps even days! For there are few such powerful agents as quicklime, when erasing a man's identity is your aim!

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Two weeks later Matt Green was working in his library when he heard a staccato knock on the front door. He opened it to admit the Mayor and Police Chief. They exchanged rather cold greetings, and Matt invited them into the house. They declined his invitation rather stiffly and stated their business. They had rather definite proof that Fred Slade had last been seen here on Matt Green's grounds. And that was two weeks ago . . . what had happened to Slade?

Green snickered aloud and told the two men that perhaps they had better sit down after all, for he had a rather astonishing confession to make. Yes, Fred Slade had been at his place two weeks ago! Yes, Fred Slade had been seen here for the very last time! Yes, he was quite positive of that, for he had been the last human to see him alive! Yes, that was the truth . . . for he, Matt Green had murdered him!

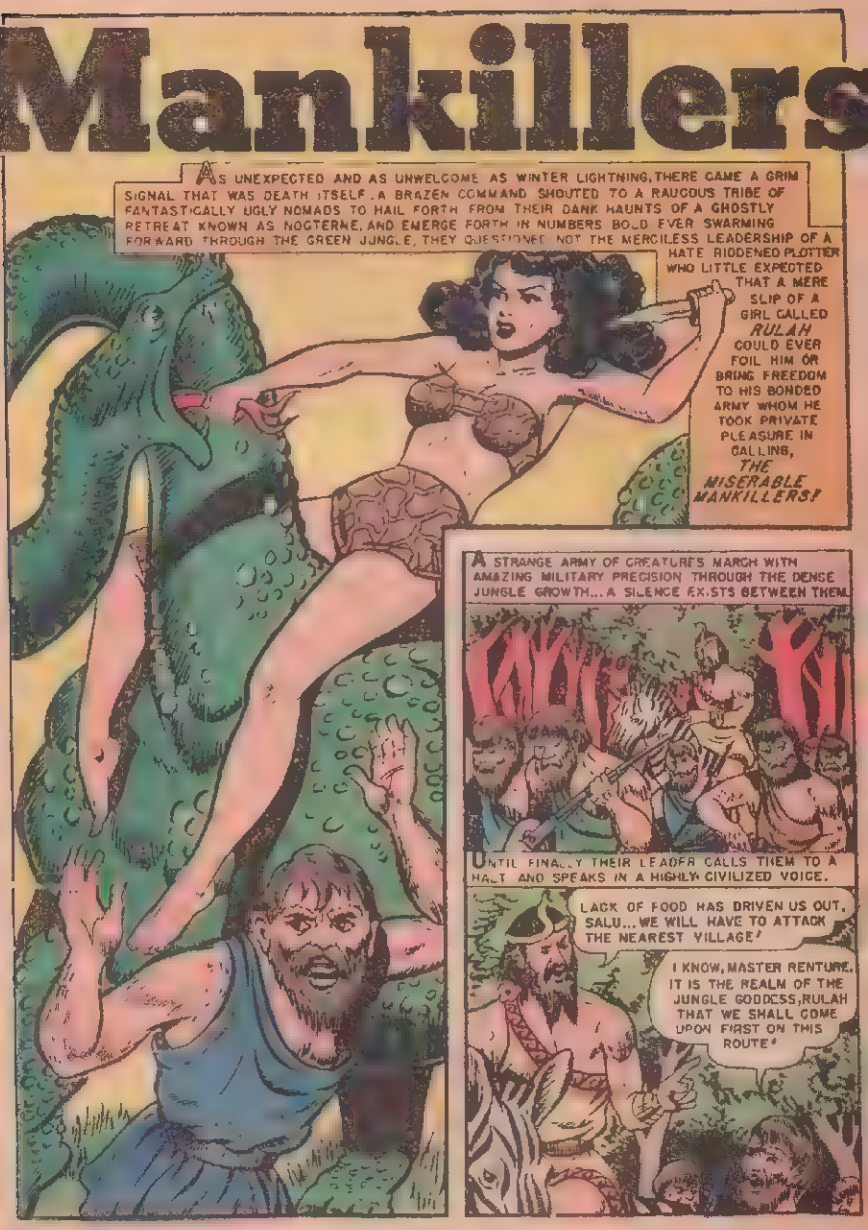
There was no reason to get excited, he informed them with a chuckle. He felt quite safe in confessing to the murder, because they would never be able to convict him . . . simply because they would never be able to recover Slade's body! And he was so positive of that fact, that he would graphically describe the murder and lead them to Slade's final resting place, for what little solace it would give them!

Fifteen minutes later he led the perspiring Mayor and Police Chief out to his greenhouse. With an imperious finger he pointed to the concrete flower holder, from which shoots of sweet-peas were beginning to flower. There it is, he told them, that's where your friend Slade is buried . . . though I doubt that you'll be able to recognize him!

He snickered aloud as they began to dig into the pot, almost laughed in their faces as he watched them throw handful after handful of dirt to the ground. And then he stopped short . . . his breathing almost ceased completely! For there in the Mayor's hand was the perfectly preserved head of Fred Slade!

It was impossible! He had planned it too completely . . . there couldn't have been a slip-up! The quicklime should have eaten away that head . . . he turned slowly toward the two barrels against the wall, and realized with a sickening shudder that the two barrels were not in their customary places . . . some fool had switched them . . . and without bothering to read the labels on the barrels he must have dipped his hands into the one containing the harmless slaked lime instead of the corrosive quicklime! He had made the awful error . . . had not bothered to check the tiniest of details . . . and there was the evidence which he himself had handed to the police . . . the evidence which most certainly would convict him of murder! A sorry case of his hand slipping at the last moment!

# Mankillers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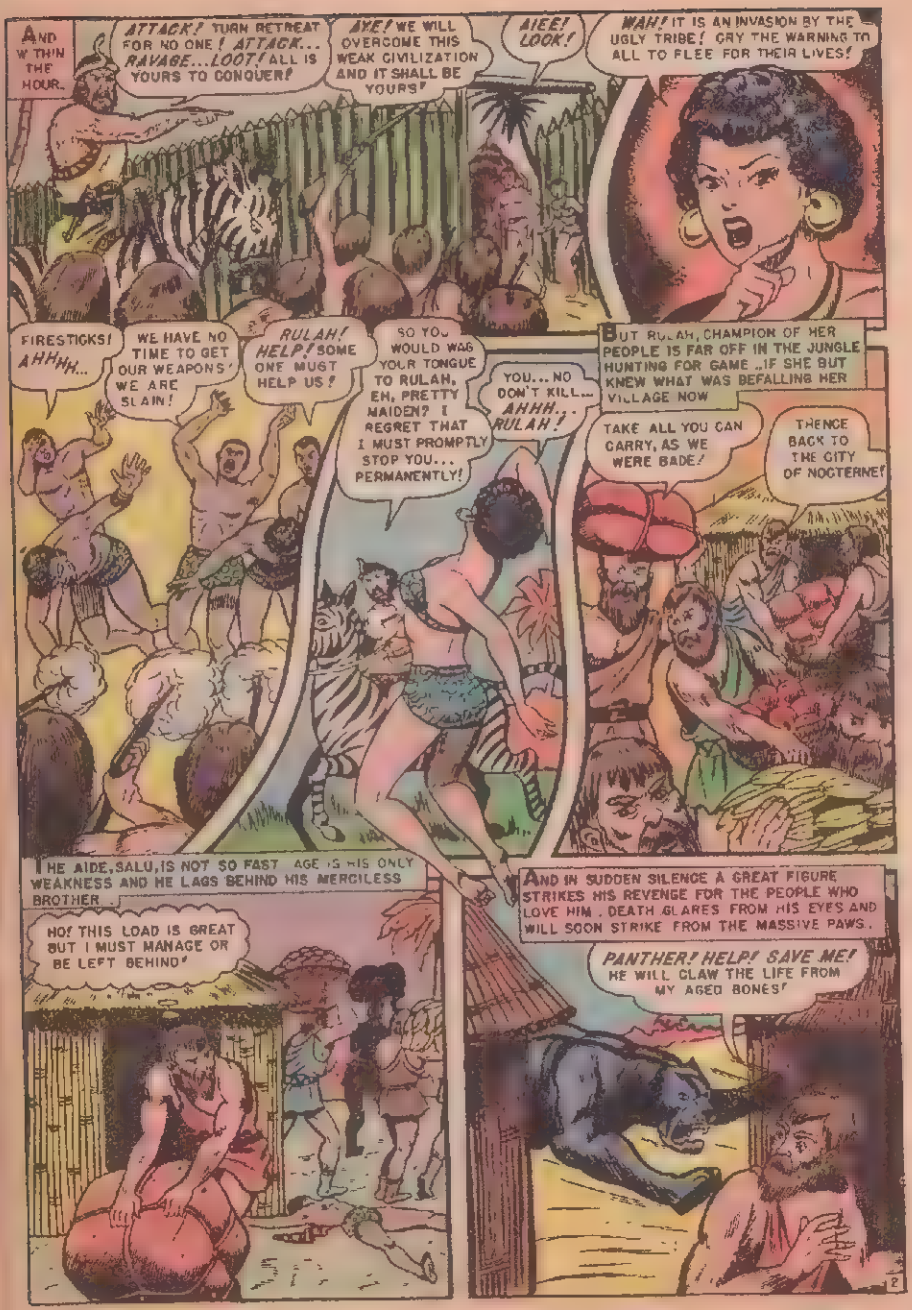
A STRANGE ARMY OF CREATURES MARCH WITH AMAZING MILITARY PRECISION THROUGH THE DENSE JUNGLE GROWTH... A SILENCE EXISTS BETWEEN THEM.
UNTIL FINALLY THEIR LEADER CALLS THEM TO A HALT AND SPEAKS IN A HIGHLY CIVILIZED VOICE.
LACK OF FOOD HAS DRIVEN US OUT, SALU... WE WILL HAVE TO ATTACK THE NEAREST VILLAGE!
I KNOW, MASTER RENTURE. IT IS THE REALM OF THE JUNGLE GODDESS, RULAH THAT WE SHALL COME UPON FIRST ON THIS ROUTE!


AND WITHIN THE HOUR-
ATTACK! TURN RETREAT FOR NO ONE! ATTACK... RAVAGE...LOOT! ALL IS YOURS TO CONQUER!
AYE! WE WILL OVERCOME THIS WEAK CIVILIZATION AND IT SHALL BE YOURS!
AIEE! LOOK!
WAH! IT IS AN INVASION BY THE UGLY TRIBE! CRY THE WARNING TO ALL TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES!
FIRESTICKS! AHHHH...
WE HAVE NO TIME TO GET OUR WEAPONS! WE ARE SLAIN!
RULAH! HELP! SOME ONE MUST HELP US!
SO YOU WOULD WAG YOUR TONGUE TO RULAH, EH, PRETTY MAIDEN? I REGRET THAT I MUST PROMPTLY STOP YOU... PERMANENTLY!
YOU... NO DON'T KILL... AHHH... RULAH!
BUT RULAH, CHAMPION OF HER PEOPLE IS FAR OFF IN THE JUNGLE HUNTING FOR GAME ..IF SHE BUT KNEW WHAT WAS BEFALLING HER VILLAGE NOW
TAKE ALL YOU CAN CARRY, AS WE WERE BADE!
THENCE BACK TO THE CITY OF NOCTERNE!
THE AIDE, SALU, IS NOT SO FAST AGE IS HIS ONLY WEAKNESS AND HE LAGS BEHIND HIS MERCILESS BROTHER.
HO! THIS LOAD IS GREAT BUT I MUST MANAGE OR BE LEFT BEHIND!
AND IN SUDDEN SILENCE A GREAT FIGURE STRIKES HIS REVENGE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE HIM. DEATH GLARES FROM HIS EYES AND WILL SOON STRIKE FROM THE MASSIVE PAWS.
PANTHER! HELP! SAVE ME! HE WILL CLAW THE LIFE FROM MY AGED BONES!
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SWIFT AS LIGHTNING THE CAT HAS OWNED HIS VICTIM AND FOR A MOMENT HE PAUSES TO SNARL BEFORE THE FINAL DEADLY BLOW IS DELIVERED
NO! NO... DO NOT HARM ME! YOU ARE NOT A WILD ONE! HEAR ME! MERCY!
GOOD, SABER! HE HAS CAPTURED AN EVIL ONE!
LET ME BE THE FIRST TO SLAY HIM!
IT WILL BE SMALL REVENGE, BUT WE WILL SHOW HIM NO MERCY AS HIS TRIBE SHOULD HAVE TO OUR BRETHREN!
CAPTURED! NOW DEATH IS SURELY MINE!
WITHIN MINUTES SALU IS BOUND TO A STAKE..
HELP! LET DEATH BE SWIFT BUT NOT THIS!
HOLD! I SEE I RETURNED JUST IN TIME!
KILL THE INVADER!
THE NEWS OF OUR MISFORTUNE JUST REACHED ME AND I SPED BACK TO HELP YOU! BUT THIS SAVAGERY! HAVE I NOT TAUGHT YOU BETTER?
HOW COULD THIS BE WRONG AFTER WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO US, GREAT RULAH?
I KNOW OF YOUR WICKEDNESS, BUT I HAD TO SAVE YOU TO QUESTION YOU... WHERE DO YOU HAIL FROM, STRANGER?
I AM GREATFUL, RULAH! I WILL TELL YOU ALL... I COME FROM THE HIDDEN CITY OF NOCTURNE WHERE THE CURSE OF UGLINESS REIGNS!
WE LIVE WITHOUT SUN AND ARE DOOMED EVERLASTING UGLINESS... ADVENTURE IS OUR LEADER... THE NEED OF FOOD DROVE US FORTH TO YOUR VILLAGE!
IT'S A WEIRD STORY YOU TELL, SALU!
THESE MEN CARRIED RIFLES AND THIS MAN APPEARS TO BE CIVILIZED! ALMOST INTELLECTUAL! COULD THE PLACE HE SPEAKS OF BE A LOST CIVILIZATION? I WONDER...
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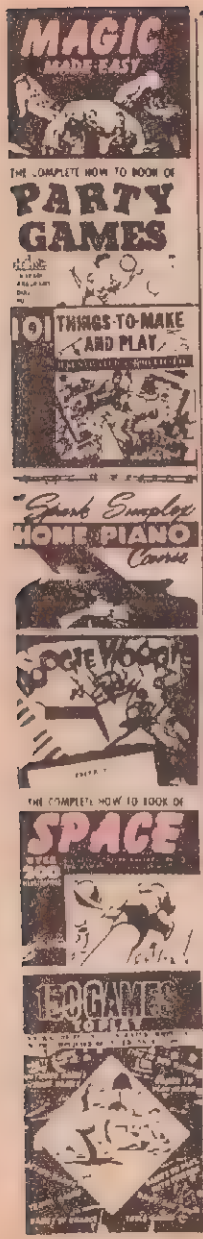


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NOW, UGLY! YOU'RE NOT USED TO ACROBATICS, ARE YOU? SAME PRINCIPAL AS A MOVING TARGET! YOU CHASE ME...I CHASE YOU!
THIS IS ONE THING YOU CAN'T DO! AND ONE OBSTACLE OVERCOME... WONDER HOW MANY MORE AWAIT US!
IT'S AMAZING! WHAT STRENGTH THE GIRL HAS!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? A CIVILIZED METROPOLIS! I NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING! DEEP IN THE HEART OF THE CONGO!
THE CITY IS INHABITED BY THE PEOPLE WHO SLAVED TO BUILD IT! COME, I WILL SHOW YOU MORE WONDERS!
BUT SUDDENLY AS IF FROM NOWHERE AN ARROW FLIES ACROSS RULAH'S PATH, MISSING THE JUNGLE GIRL ONLY BY INCHES...
OH-OH! SOMEONE IS GREETING US IN A VERY UNFRIENDLY FASHION!
SALU! THEY STRUCK YOU! OH... LET ME HELP YOU... POOR MAN!
NO, RULAH! THEY HAVE TREATED ME LIKE ANY TRAITOR! THAT MEANS THEY KNOW YOU ARE HERE! GO...GO FOR I DIE AND REMAINING WITH ME IS TOO GREAT A RISK!
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THE WHOLE TOWN'S OUT AFTER ME! NOW WHAT TO DO? I CAN OUT-
A WHILE, BUT THEN WHAT?
SHE IS HERE! RULAH! CATCH HER!
SHE'S TOO FAST FOR US! RUNS LIKE AN ANTELOPE!
WHEW! THIS IS BETTER THAN RUNNING! I'D BETTER GO UP INTO AN APARTMENT IN THIS BUILDING AND DO SOME FAST TALKING!
SHH...KEEP EATING! I ONLY WANT TO SPEAK A FEW WORDS WITH YOU!
WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE? YOU ARE NOT UGLY AS WE ARE! YOU DO NOT BELONG HERE!
AIEE! WHO IS SHE, FATHER?
IS SHE A GODDESS?
I DON'T KNOW! GO YOU INTO ANOTHER ROOM!
PLEASE LISTEN TO ME! I THINK I CAN HELP YOU!
HELP? WHAT HELP COULD YOU GIVE US?
I'M BEGINNING TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS MUCH I CAN DO IN THIS UNFORTUNATE CITY! BUT ONLY IF I REMAIN FREE... AND ALIVE!
YOU MEAN YOU COULD HELP US TO BECOME AS YOU ARE... BEAUTIFUL AS YOU ARE?
AND NEVER BE UGLY AGAIN!? LET HER STAY! LET HER STAY!
THE POOR PEOPLE!
SO I LIVE, EH? I WANT YOU TO KNOW TWO IMPORTANT THINGS, MY FRIENDS! FIRST YOUR LEADER, RENTURE IS A TRAITOR! SECOND..THAT OUTSIDE, THE WORLD IS FULL OF SUNSHINE AND BEAUTY AND YOU OR ANYONE CAN SHARE IT! IT'S FREE!
IS WHAT YOU SAY TRUE?
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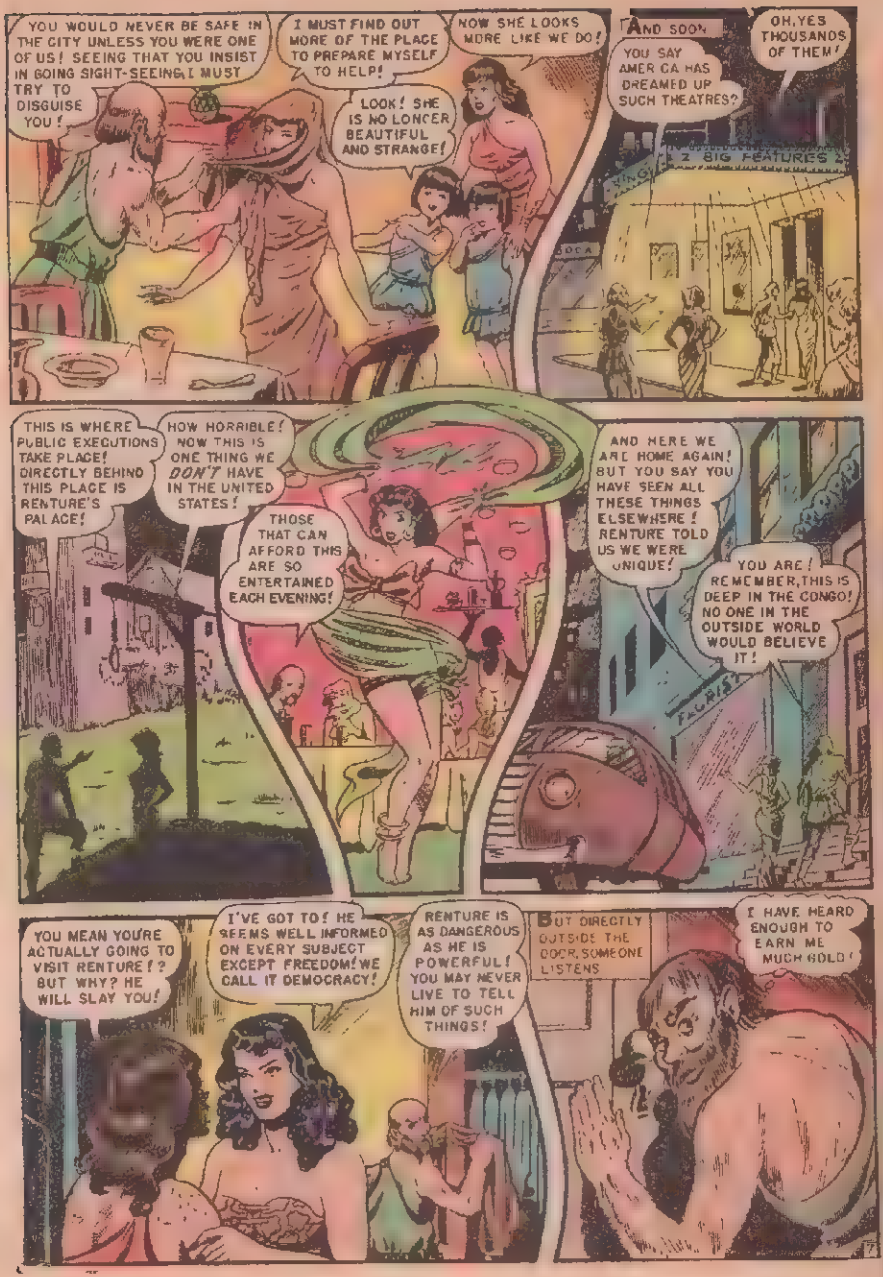
YOU WOULD NEVER BE SAFE IN THE CITY UNLESS YOU WERE ONE OF US! SEEING THAT YOU INSIST IN GOING SIGHT-SEEING, I MUST TRY TO DISGUISE YOU!
I MUST FIND OUT MORE OF THE PLACE TO PREPARE MYSELF TO HELP!
NOW SHE LOOKS MORE LIKE WE DO!
LOOK! SHE IS NO LONGER BEAUTIFUL AND STRANGE!
AND SOON
OH, YES THOUSANDS OF THEM!
YOU SAY AMER-CA HAS DREAMED UP SUCH THEATRES?
2 BIG FEATURES
THIS IS WHERE PUBLIC EXECUTIONS TAKE PLACE! DIRECTLY BEHIND THIS PLACE IS RENTURE'S PALACE!
HOW HORRIBLE! NOW THIS IS ONE THING WE DON'T HAVE IN THE UNITED STATES!
THOSE THAT CAN AFFORD THIS ARE SO ENTERTAINED EACH EVENING!
AND HERE WE ARE HOME AGAIN! BUT YOU SAY YOU HAVE SEEN ALL THESE THINGS ELSEWHERE! RENTURE TOLD US WE WERE UNIQUE!
YOU ARE! REMEMBER, THIS IS DEEP IN THE CONGO! NO ONE IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD WOULD BELIEVE IT!
FAURIST
YOU MEAN YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO VISIT RENTURE!? BUT WHY? HE WILL SLAY YOU!
I'VE GOT TO! HE SEEMS WELL INFORMED ON EVERY SUBJECT EXCEPT FREEDOM! WE CALL IT DEMOCRACY!
RENTURE IS AS DANGEROUS AS HE IS POWERFUL! YOU MAY NEVER LIVE TO TELL HIM OF SUCH THINGS!
BUT DIRECTLY OUTSIDE THE DOOR, SOMEONE LISTENS
I HAVE HEARD ENOUGH TO EARN ME MUCH GOLD!

AND SOON .AT THE ENTRANCE OF RENTURE'S PALACE
MUST I TELL YOU AGAIN? YOU CAN'T SEE RENTURE, OLD BEGGAR, NOW MOVE ALONG!
BUT I HAVE AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR HIM! IT CONCERNS RULAH, THE JUNGLE GODDESS!
RULAH! WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO, YOU SLOW-TONGUED OLD FOOL?
HOW COULD I SPEAK WHEN YOU KEPT SENDING ME OFF? HURRY ME TO RENTURE, OR I'LL REPORT YOU!
I HAVE BROUGHT THE GOLD, SIRE!
HE HAS EARNED A PAYMENT. GIVE IT TO HIM! NOW GET YOUR UGLY FACE AWAY FROM ME, OLD MAN!
I SWEAR THAT ALL I HAVE TOLD YOU, GREAT ONE, IS TRUE! I AM A NEIGHBOR TO THE MAN!
LATER, RENTURE APPEARS IN PERSON AT THE HOME WHERE RULAH MADE FRIENDS...
DO NOT MOVE, TRAITORS! WHERE IS THE JUNGLE GIRL!
RENTURE! WE.. I DO NOT KNOW
OHH. .I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN
THEY LIE IN THEIR SILENCE! TAKE THEM TO PRISON AND TOMORROW WE'LL HAVE A PUBLIC EXECUTION! MEANWHILE LET EVERY MAN SEARCH FOR RULAH! SHE MUST BE CAPTURED!
THEY DIDN'T BETRAY ME, BUT NOW I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO SAVE THEM! WHAT A NIGHTMARE CITY THIS BURG IS!
GREAT SCOTT! WHAT'S THIS? HAIR ON MY ARM! IT WAS NEVER THERE BEFORE! I THINK I'VE STUMBLED ON THE MYSTERY OF THEIR UGLINESS! THIS PLACE IS SHUT OFF FROM THE SUN BY THICK FOLIAGE... YET THE SUN HITTING THAT FOLIAGE CAUSES A CHEMICAL REACTION ON HUMAN SKIN!

THE NEXT MORNING, AT THE GALLOWS
BEHOLD WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO ARE FALSE TO RENTURE AND TAKE YOU HEED!
OHH. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR CHILDREN?
IF RULAH COULD ONLY HELP!
RELEASE THE TRAP DOORS, WE'RE TAKING TOO LONG TO SNUFF OUT THESE MISERABLE LIVES!
THERE IS NO HOPE FOR US NOW...WE'RE DOOMED!
BUT SUDDENLY A FAMILIAR FIGURE PUSHES THROUGH THE CROWD, AND...
JUST A MINUTE NOW!
RULAH!
HEAR ME, YOU POOR PEOPLE! THIS LEADER OF YOURS IS A FAKE! RENTURE IS A TYRANT! I CAN PROVE IT!
I EXPECTED THE EXECUTION WOULD BRING HER OUT OF HIDING! SEIZE HER! HURRY!
WE WOULD HEAR HER!
LET RULAH SPEAK!
IF WHAT I SAY IS AN UNTRUTH, WHY DOES RENTURE WANT TO SILENCE ME?
WHAT A FOOL I WAS NOT TO EXPECT THIS!
YOU HAVE SAID ENOUGH! THERE IS NO PLACE IN MY KINGDOM FOR THOSE WITH WAGGING TONGUES! THIS WEAPON CAN SOUND MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN ALL YOUR FOOLISH TALK! YOU ARE ABOUT TO DIE, RULAH, AND I AM THE ONE WHO IS GOING TO KILL YOU!
HE FORCES YOU INTO STAYING HERE TO KEEP UP HIS POWER! HE'S A SELFISH MAN! YOU WILL ALWAYS BE UGLY IF YOU STAY! YOU ARE NOT CURSED... EXCEPT BY RENTURE!
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BUT EVERYONE HAD FORGOTTEN RULAH'S TRUE FRIEND... SABER!
UH...BLACK PANTHER! HELP!
SABER! GOOD BOY!
HELP! SAVE ME FROM THAT WILD MONSTER!
KILL THE TYRANT! LET ME DO IT!
THE TIME FOR JUSTICE IS HERE! STRIKE!
NO...YOU WOULDN'T... I'VE LOVED YOU, ONE AND ALL!
THE GALLOWS IS TOO GOOD FOR A DEVIL LIKE RENTURE!
JUSTICE FINALLY CATCHES UP WITH THE WICKED RENTURE AND THOSE HE KEPT IN DARKNESS AND IGNORANCE FINALLY BECAME HIS OWN HANG-MAN...
A CRUEL BUT SWIFT END TO A VILLAIN! YOU ASKED FOR IT, RENTURE!
WITHOUT DELAY, RULAH LEADS THE PUZZLED PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR DARK, DAMP CITY INTO THE CLEAN JUNGLE...
NOT FAR IN THE DISTANCE IS WHERE I LIVE. YOU ARE WELCOME THERE, OR IF YOU WISH YOU CAN STRIKE OUT FOR YOURSELVES!
WE WILL STAY HERE, RULAH!
AND MANY MONTHS PASS BEFORE RULAH CHANGES TO MEET THE UGLY PEOPLE AGAIN...BUT WHAT A DIFFERENCE...
YOU SEE WE ARE NORMAL PEOPLE AGAIN, THANKS TO YOU AND THE SUN, RULAH!
WE'RE SO HAPPY NOW! MANY OF OUR PEOPLES HAVE SETTLED THROUGH-OUT THE JUNGLE, BUT WE ALL REMEMBER YOUR GREATNESS, RULAH!
BAH! FORGET ME! BUT DON'T EVER FORGET THAT FREE PEOPLE CANNOT BE RULED BY TYRANTS... AND A FREE PEOPLE ARE A GOOD PEOPLE!
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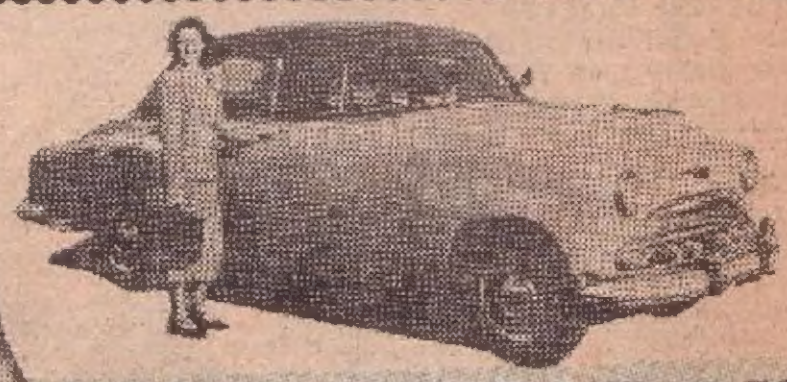

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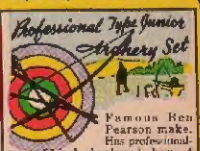

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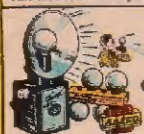

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